

REMARKS

Further to the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed January 26, 2007, Applicants add new dependent claims 17-19 in this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants have also made one minor amendment to claim 5, where the recitation "a current equipment mode" is changed to "the current equipment mode" to clarify the claim.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Amendment.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1, 3-6 and 8-19 will be pending in the application.

New claims 17-19 are based on the descriptions of paragraphs [08], [09] and [47] of the specification. Following limitation is added to each of the new claims:

"wherein the selection of the external inputs into the display apparatus is possible only in the display apparatus mode among modes of the plurality of the equipment including the display apparatus mode."

Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims should be allowable as Takahashi, Tetsuya or a combination of these two references does not teach or suggest the new claims with the above-added limitation.

It should be noted that the present invention is provided to address a disadvantage of the related art, as described in paragraphs [08] - [09] of the specification, which requires pressing an equipment setting button at least twice to change one equipment mode to another. That is, to change from a DVD mode to a VCR mode, the equipment mode of a related art universal remote

control (URC) should be changed twice (from a DVD mode to a TV mode, and from a TV mode to a VCR mode). However, in the claimed methods, changing to a display apparatus mode (only here, selecting an external input is possible) is made by **input buttons related to selection of external inputs into a display apparatus** without pressing an **equipment setting button** to select the display apparatus mode.

In the new claims, Applicants clarify the above aspect of the present application.

In this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants further submit that the analysis of claims 1, 6 and 9 should be directed to at least changing one equipment mode to a display apparatus mode using **input buttons related to selection of external inputs into a display apparatus** before selecting another equipment mode (a target device mode).

However, Takahashi is directed to the operation of a URC after one equipment mode has been changed to another. As described in col. 3, lines 16-41, Takahashi teaches that its URC is configured to generate commands of two different code formats after an operation mode of a target device has been entered. Takahashi only simply describes that an equipment mode for a target device is entered by pressing a key of key group 201 (e.g., pressing a CD key to enter a CD mode of a CD player). Takahashi does not disclose such details of the operations required to change one equipment mode to another as disclosed in claims 1, 6 and 9.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submits that claims 1, 6 and 9 along with new claims 17, 18 and 19 should be allowable.

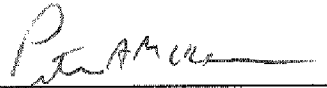
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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